

In the News of the Churches

Pulpit and Pew

One Washington clergyman, when asked for the subject of his Sunday sermon, said, "The world—our country—is in such a condition that it is very hard to choose a suitable subject to discuss." Another said, "There are so many topics of importance to think about now, at this critical period in our history, that nearly every subject that suggests itself could be used to advantage."

"Not for fifty years," said still another, "has there been such a need for cautious and profound thinking on the part of the ministers of the Gospel in choosing their sermon-subjects, in connection with national happenings."

Evidently, partisanship, both political and religious, has been swept aside before a great national crisis, and the fundamental thoughts of the whole nation should be in accord with the sentiments of patriotism and valor preached from the pulpits.

One Washington church, for many months, has had its pulpit draped with the flag, and at no service has this inspiring symbol of our country been absent. Other churches are adopting this custom, and more and more the flag, with its deep significance, is becoming entwined in the hearts of the congregations as part of their church.

"A Fighting Father's Advice to His Soldier Son," "The Toil and Toll of Russia," "God, Home and Native Land," "The Healing Touch," "Excuses of Offended Men," "Jesus—Man or God," "Saul, or the Laws of Mental and Moral Hygiene," "Christ, the Hope of the World," "From Jericho to Bethany," "The Temptations of a Country Girl in City Life," "Fellowship with the Father," "From Cracking Safes to Winning Men," "Moses," "Christ's Ministry," "What's in a Name," are the themes of just a few of tomorrow's sermons. Music, indicative of the fast approaching Easter time, includes such beautiful numbers as the introduction to "Parsifal," "Gounod's 'Jerusalem,' 'Oh Turn Thee!'" organ postlude-andante in F by Beethoven; "Legende," by Padewski; Handel's "Largo;" "Come, Holy Spirit," by Jerome, and Wagner's "Albunblatt."

Prof. Francis G. Peabody, D. D., of Harvard University, and author of numerous religious and sociological works, will preach at All Souls Church tomorrow morning. Prof. Peabody has not been in Washington for years.

Services of the Liberal Religious Union of All Souls Church, tomorrow evening will be led by Rev. George S. Wilson, speaking on the work of the board of charities. They will begin at 8 o'clock.

Rev. John S. Briggs, pastor Fifth Baptist Church, will preach on "Fellowship with the Father" tomorrow morning. At night, "Tom" Farmer, of New York City, will tell his wonderful life story "From Cracking Safes to Winning Men."

At the morning services in the Metropolitan M. E. Church tomorrow the pastor, Dr. Harry D. Mitchell, will preach on "Bringing Christ Back to the Church." At the Epworth League service Mrs. Miller, a returned missionary from Korea, will speak on "Korean Christianity." Edward Clifford Mercer, known as "Ted Mercer," will speak at the evening service. There will be special music under the direction of Prof. Dickinson of this city.

Dr. Charles E. Granger will be the speaker at the Vesper Service of the Women's Christian Association, Sunday, March 25. Miss Edwards and Mr. Will Davis are the soloists, with Mr. Klein at the piano.

Rev. Dr. C. C. McLean, pastor of Douglas Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, announces as his special theme for tomorrow morning, "What's in a Name?" In the evening, at 7:30 o'clock, he will give a sermon on "Christ's Ministry," illustrated with stereoscopic views—copies of the pictures of the Great Masters. The quartet choir is to render special music.

Special services will be held at the Walker Memorial Baptist Church tomorrow. Rev. Charles A. Parker will preach at 10 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Walter S. Brooks, pastor of Nineteenth Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon; and at 8 o'clock Rev. J. M. Beaman, the pastor, will preach.

Dr. James Shera Montgomery will conduct services at the Calvary Methodist Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and speak on the subject "Excuses of Offended Men." In the evening at 8 o'clock Dr. Montgomery will deliver a special lecture on "The Toil and Toll of Russia." In this lecture Dr. Montgomery will enumerate the causes that led up to the revolution. He will also treat the land problem; the decay of the gentry; the rise of the peasant life along with the institutions of the country and their frightful abuse by the nobility. In conclusion Dr. Montgomery will indicate reasons why European royalty is doomed. He will also lay special stress on the new era of democracy which is now here and which is destined to supplant royalty. Church doors open at 7:15 and free seats to the public.

"A Woman Made a Fact Funny," is the subject of E. Hez Swem's sermon tomorrow night at the Centennial Baptist Church. The morning subject is: "My Supplies."

Rev. Walter F. Smith, pastor of Whitney Avenue Christian Church, will use for his morning subject "Preparedness" tomorrow and for the evening service "Life."

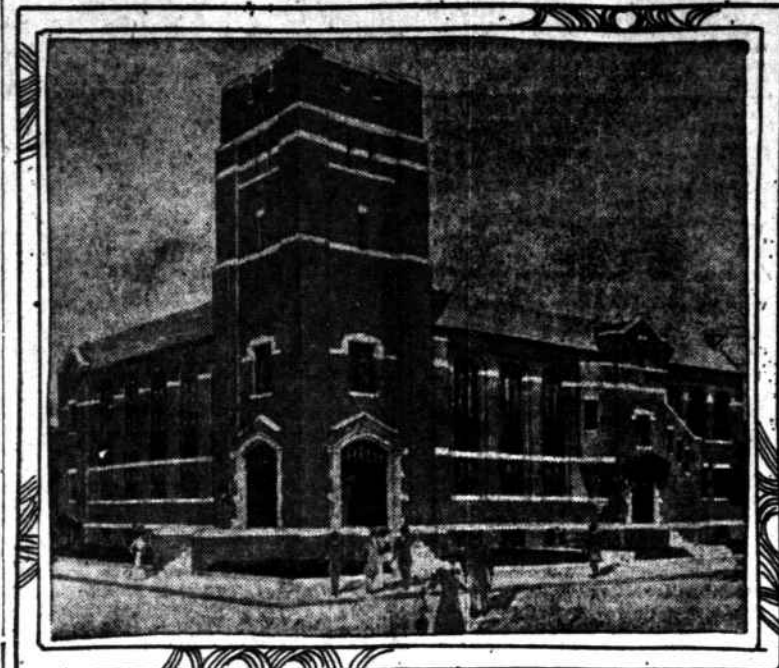
Members of the church have organized a Bible study class which will meet Wednesday evening. They will meet at the home of Mrs. J. T. Barrett, 61 Park road, next Wednesday evening.

Tomorrow afternoon's Vesper Service at the Y. W. C. A. at 5 o'clock, will be addressed by Prof. S. T. McWatters, of the American University on Brownings' "Saul." Prof. McWatters is the organizer of Boston University, and is well known as a teacher of English poets. The music will be furnished by the Schubert Song Trio, Misses Christine Church, soprano; Marion Larner, mezzo; Marion McCoy, contralto; Edith Athey, contralto; incidental solos, Mrs. Smart, Miss Larner, Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Humphrey; oratorio, "The Song of Solomon," by Prof. McWatters will be sung. The daughter-in-law of the poet, Mrs. Robert Barrett Browning, is to be present.

A class in practical demonstration of Bible Study will begin on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, taught by Mrs. Mary C. Stevens, religious work director, which will continue for five weeks.

Rev. Dr. Waldron, the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, "Strangers Home," will preach tomorrow morning on "The Power of Pentecost," and in the afternoon at a meeting for men only, on "Modern Barbers, or Shorn of Strength."

William Stanfield has arranged the following musical program for Sunday at the First Congregational Church: 11 a. m.—Organ prelude, Sursum Corda; hymn, anthem, The Wilderness (Gounod); incidental solos, Mrs. Smart, Miss Larner, Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Humphrey; oratorio, "The Song of Solomon," by Prof. McWatters will be sung. The daughter-in-law of the poet, Mrs. Robert Barrett Browning, is to be present.



The Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northeast, where the boys just returned from the border will be the guests of the young men of the church.

BREAK GROUND MONDAY FOR MT. VERNON CHURCH

New Edifice Will Be One of City's Most Beautiful.

Ground will be broken for the Representative Church Edifice of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Ninth and Massachusetts avenue, Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The lot is located diagonally opposite the Public Library, and the new building, which is to be built of Georgia marble at a cost of \$250,000, will, when completed, be very near the head of the list of beautiful Washington churches.

The exercises preceding the ground breaking, with Mr. W. W. Tillman presiding, will be held in the Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, Rev. William F. Locke, one of the former pastors of this church, will open the exercises with a prayer, and addresses will be delivered by Rev. S. S. Steele, D. D., Rev. George S. Sexton, D. D., Rev. F. T. Freytag, D. D., Chaplain of the Senate, and Rev. H. M. Cauber, D. D.

Other former pastors of the church who are to be present are Rev. J. W. Duffey, Rev. J. Howard Wells, Rev. E. V. Regester, Rev. John A. Kern, Rev. John Hanson and Rev. E. E. Hoss, now a bishop.

A touching feature of the ground breaking proper will be the introduction of Mrs. W. V. Tudor, widow of the Rev. W. V. Tudor, D. D., who founded the Mt. Vernon Place Church in 1868. Mrs. Tudor will lift the first spade of earth.

The exercises will close with a roll call of the surviving original members of the church, and prayer and benediction by the present pastor, Rev. E. H. Hardin, D. D.

EPIGRAMS BY DR. GORDON.

When a young man goes through college in an automobile he is moving home. A rut is a grave without ends or top. Nature is well-dressed—four changes of raiment in the year is the divine allowance.

If there were no clouds there would be no rainbows.

A religious doctrine or theological dogma, if true, will find its best illustration in nature.

That man is great who has great friends and great enemies.

A criminal is a pessimist when a man believes everything is going wrong.

Remember that this day—today—is the greatest day in the history of the world.

A true church is the embodiment of the spiritual ideals of the race.

Whether a man is a snail or a detective depends on his motive.

Certain women would die happy if they could see this old world swept and dusted.

No man knows exactly how he looks. The things which are fundamental are rooted in the constitution of nature.

Evil commercialized is evil enthroned. Small men sometimes build great homes.

God does not speak often—but He is a great actor.

The measure of your grief is the measure of your unbelief.

The coward is the one man who lives in spite of heart failure.

A strong love in the heart creates a strong light in the eye.

Some of the greatest thinkers have lived in the smallest houses.

The wise man is the man who knows what to do next.

There is a lamp burning in the brain of each one of us—it is a spirit lamp. It is the sign of a strong soul not to be defeated by defeat.

There is nothing which succeeds like character.

Dust that collects in glass factories is collected and cast into paving blocks by a Berlin inventor.

There is a great deal of difference between a man who knows what to do next and a man who knows what to do.

On Wednesday at 4:45 p. m. there will be an organ recital by Mr. McHenry McCord, organist and choir master of the church, assisted by the church choir.

The Rev. Dr. John Brittan Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, John Marshall place, will preach the fifth of his series of Lenten sermons on "The Six Signal Victories" tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Victory Over Formalism-Paul."

The usual 8 o'clock service, his Apocryphal, will be given by Miss Elizabeth Leckie and Mrs. George F. Schutt.

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ILLUMINATI DEVOTEES EXPLAIN THEIR BELIEFS

Physical Laws Also God's Laws, They Declare.

The devotees of the Illuminati claim that the sciences of the teaching is apparent in their viewpoint of Truth. The Truth is the Law of God, on the various planes. The Law on the physical plane may not be so powerful as on the spiritual plane, but none the less the physical laws are God's laws, and must be obeyed, in order to have harmony.

As they express it, if you bought an expensive automobile you would ask for the gasoline that would give the highest rate of speed at the least expenditure. Yet every day you put a dozen different kinds and grades of fuel into the tank—stomach—the most delicate and essential machine to you—existence, without even asking, is this adapted to the work required of the machine? This is only one instance; there are many proving the shortsightedness of the owner of each human body.

On the mental plane, they explain, the laws are more subtle and less understood, yet there can be no lasting peace and harmony in life unless these laws are understood and obeyed. "You shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free." The Truth, the living law of God: Making our lives conform to the Law of God. The mental law that the thought, if it be purity, goodness, truth, beauty, fashions, causes the soul to grow, the soul, the seed of God, in each human being—and on which depends life here and now, as well as hereafter.

If there is a thing more essential than to know the mental laws, it is to obey them. We begin by obeying those laws that we do know, this leading us to others farther along. Through this obedience we do better work; the artist will paint a better, truer picture; the musician will give a truer rendering of the composer he is studying; the home-maker will make a more home-like home, with a greater pleasure in developing it in ourselves by obeying the Law of God, which is the law of our being; the talent that has lain latent a lifetime comes forth, and we find our true self. There is much to be done on the physical, mental and moral planes, that requires great care and watchfulness on our part, but when we have obeyed these laws we need have no fear of the next—the Spiritual plane. It follows naturally.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

The World's Christian Endeavor, with which the District C. E. Union is connected, is one of two or three world-wide international and interdenominational organizations whose headquarters are in America. Its three millions of members in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in this country, its ten millions of former members, and the millions more of church people who are interested in the progress of the society, form a constituency of more than a quarter part of the newspaper readers in America.

The Evangelistic Department of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union is making a special effort to arouse the interest of the young people of the District along "personal work" lines. To this end the Evangelistic Club of the Union was formed to lead the way and under its tutelage, a city-wide campaign for more effective work among the young people is being carried forward.

The results, in the beginning, are more than gratifying. Regular church services are conducted by the club in various parts of the city, and the young people of the congregation, and the Christian Endeavor societies are conducting services at the Central Union Mission, and the Gospel Mission, and also the Jail, District of Columbia Reformatory, hospitals and homes for the indigent.

Evangelistic Superintendent F. T. Holland will conduct the regular Sunday morning and evening services at the Maryland Baptist Church tomorrow, and in the afternoon will conduct the service at the McLean Baptist Church, McLean, Va.

Superintendent Murray, of the Citizen-Superintendent Department, will conduct the Christian Endeavor service of the Emanuel Baptist Church tomorrow evening.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of the Central Presbyterian, Vermont Avenue Christian, and First M. P. Churches are conducting successful campaigns for new members, and a special effort is being made to interest all of the young people of each church in the Christian Endeavor Society. Many other Endeavor Societies of the District are also conducting energetic membership campaigns and Superintendents Kuhn, of the Extension Department of the C. E. Union, reports a large increase in membership throughout the District.

Mr. Haycraft, transportation superintendent, announces that the rates for the New York Convention, including railroad fare both ways and room (without meals) for three days, will be \$15.00, and for six days, \$30.00. Plans are also being made for some interesting side trips.

CHIHUAHUA IS TEUTON MECCA.

El Paso, Texas, March 23.—Investigation by government agents here has disclosed the fact that the majority of Germans who crossed into Mexico at this point have gone to Chihuahua City, a few remaining in Juarez.

THE BERKE SISTERS.

Popular singing orangeade, who tomorrow begin their second week of song sermons at the Grace Baptist Church.

PLAN SPECIAL SERVICES FOR BOYS FROM BORDER

Metropolitan Baptist Church to Play Host to Guards.

All the boys back from the border are invited to hike to the Metropolitan Baptist Church tomorrow evening and hear the special sermon prepared for them by Pastor John Compton Ball on "A Fighting Father's Advice to His Soldier Son."

The knights of the khaki will be special guests of the young men of the Phi Mu Sigma Society of the church and will occupy special reserved seats. Since last June a beautiful silk American flag has draped this church's pulpit, and one feature of the service will be the salute to the flag given by the junior and intermediate departments of the Bible school. Special patriotic music will be rendered by the choir. Every soldier is requested to wear his uniform. Services will begin at 7:45 o'clock.

MANY DELEGATES GOING TO BIG EPWORTH RALLY

Washington district will send a large delegation to the annual rally of the Baltimore Conference Epworth League to be held in Walbrook M. E. Church, in Baltimore, next Tuesday evening.

Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, will make an address on the progress of prohibition, and Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, general secretary of the Epworth League, will speak on the work of the Epworth League. Rev. John R. Edwards, superintendent of Washington District, will also speak on the Mountain Lake Park Institute. The officers of the Baltimore Conference Epworth League will be elected. The choir of Walbrook Church will furnish the music.

Arrangements have been made by Charles K. Hoover, chairman of the Washington District delegation, for special cars leaving Fourteenth street and New York avenue at 6 o'clock. Reports from the local churches indicate that 300 Washingtonians will attend the rally.

HOLD PENNANT NIGHT AT FOUNDRY LEAGUE

Foundry Epworth League services tomorrow evening will be of a national and patriotic character and is designated as "State Pennant Night." The general subject will be "God, Home and Native Land." It will feature a variety of songs and a development of an idea that originated one year ago with Foundry League when an initial service of a similar nature was held with marked success.

The chapter has an enrollment of nearly 500 members, representing homes located in almost every State in the Union. The members will pay a tribute to their respective States by responding to their call with expressions of sentiment. These responses will be interspersed with inspiring patriotic music rendered by a chorus choir of fifty voices, supported by an orchestra of eight pieces.

This service will be sure to inspire praise to God, a stronger devotion to home ties and national patriotism. The members of the league will contribute to State pennants for decorative purposes appropriate to the occasion and these will be supplemented with a liberal display of American flags.

SHOW BATTLE OF SOMME.

Operators Risk Lives to Portray Battle Scenes.

The battle of the Somme, conceded to be one of the greatest battles in the history of the world, will be portrayed by moving pictures at the University Theatre tonight through the efforts of Mr. Claude N. Bennett, chairman of the entertainment committee, in conjunction with Dr. Samuel S. Adams, also a member of the club, six thrilling reels will be presented. These pictures, taken by operators who constantly risk their lives, are being presented through the courtesy of the General Film Company.

Metropolitan Baptist Church

11 a. m.—From Jericho to Bethany—Happenings by the Way.

7:30 p. m.—Special service for the boys in brown back from the border. Topic—"A Fighting Father's Advice to His Soldier Son."

GRACE BAPTIST NINTH AND D STS. Pastor F. W. Johnson.

Berge States will sing tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the morning, at 3 in the afternoon and at 7:30 at night. Last week of the meetings.

ORDER OF ILLUMINATI.

Sunday, 8 p. m.—"The Primal Sin." Friday, 8 p. m.—"Duality."

Wednesday, 11 a. m.—"Finding God." Cumberland Apartment 8. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

First Church of Christ, 11 a. m.—"MATTER."

Sunday school, 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting, 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited. Reading room and loan library, 601 Colorado Building.

Second Church, 11 a. m.—"MATTER."

Sunday school, 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting, 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited. Reading room and loan library, 601 Colorado Building.

Y. W. C. A.

Building open, 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. BIBLE CLASS, 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. Speaker—S. P. McWatters.

Topic—"Browning's 'Saul.'"

SPIRITUALISM.

The First Spiritualist Church

"THE TEMPLE WITHIN."

Lecture by the pastor, Alfred H. Terry, Sunday at 4 p. m., followed by spirit messages, at 5 p. m. Temple, 1012 9th st. nw., second floor. All welcome.

WILL DISCUSS DIET AS GOD AND AS MAN

"Jesus, Man or God," will be subject of a lecture to be delivered on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the New Masonic Temple Auditorium by Walter Brown Murray, the author of the well-known book, "Who Is Jesus?"

Mr. Murray has given such exhaustive study to this question, from the standpoint of the Bible and in the light of the teachings of the Swedish theologian, Emanuel Swedenborg, as to be especially qualified to deal with the matter.

The lecture is one of a series being given at the New Masonic Temple on some of the fundamental Christian teachings found in the writings of Swedenborg. At Mr. Gould's lecture last Sunday the large supply of free literature proved almost inadequate to the demand. A new supply has been secured for tomorrow. There will be no charge and no collection.

:: DIVINE SERVICES :: AND RELIGIOUS MEETINGS

For Sunday, March 25, 1917

DR. GORDON'S Subjects

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 25

11 a. m. "Sir Oliver Lodge's New Book on Spiritualism."

8 p. m. "The Temptations of a Country Girl in City Life."

First Congregational Church

10th and G Sts. N. W.

All are cordially invited.

EPISCOPAL.

Church of the Epiphany

107th St. N. E.

Rev. Randolph H. McKim, D. D., Rector.

8 a. m.—Holy Communion.

11 a. m.—Confirmation. Sermon by Bishop Harding.

4 p. m.—Service and address.

8 p. m.—Evening prayer with sermon by Rev. Dr. McKim.

7:30 p. m.—Organ recital.

MIDDAY SERVICES.

Monday and Tuesday, P. P. Hall.

Wednesday—Rev. N. P. Dams, D. D., D. D.

Thursday—Rev. J. J. Dimos.

Friday—Rev. W. H. Buppardt.

Daily, 10:30 a. m. p. m.

Holy Communion—Thursday, 11:15 a. m.

The Resurrection. Sun. 4:30 p. m.; Fri. 7:45 p. m.

Church of the Ascension

14th and N. Sts. N. E.

Rev. J. HENNING NELMS, D. D., Rector.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8 and 11 a. m. and 5 and 8 p. m.

11 a. m.—Prayer and sermon, followed by Bible story told by the reader. Subject: "Moses."

The Nativity

10th and A Sts. N. E.

8:30, 9:15, 10, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Confirmation Classes, Tuesday, 5:30 and 8 p. m.

Wednesday: 7 a. m., 4:30 p. m., Thursday, 10 a. m.

The Resurrection. Sun. 4:30 p. m.; Fri. 7:45 p. m.

Church of the Good Shepherd,

SIXTH AND I STREETS N. E.

Services for the opening of the new church, 7:30 and 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

The Right Rev. F. M. Rhineclaire, D. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, preaches in the morning.

The Rev. Herbert Scott Smith preaches at night.

Church of the Covenant

10th and N. Sts. N. E.

CHARLES C. TEVIS, Minister-in-Charge of Rock Chapel.

9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.

11:30 a. m.—Morning service. Sermon by Dr. Tevis.

7:30 p. m.—Afternoon service. Music rendered by Triplet Quartet. Sermon by Dr. Tevis.

8:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meeting.

Evening Choir of 100 Voices. Music rendered by Wrightman, director; Harvey Musker, organist.

Sermon by Dr. Wood. Subject: "Loyalty."

8 p. m. Thursday—Midweek service.

St. John's Church

SIXTEENTH AND D STS. N. E.

Rev. ROLAND COTTON SMITH, D. D., Rector.

Rev. EDWARD SLATER DUNLAP, M. A., Rector.